

REMARKS

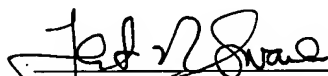
The foregoing amendment to the specification does not add any new matter, but rather the amendment merely indicates the appropriate priority data for the present continuation application. Applicants also note that the specification of this continuation application is a true and correct copy of the original specification of the parent application. However, the Applicants replaced the original claims of the parent application with new claims to ensure that the continuation application is published with the pending claims of this continuation application. These new claims do not add any new matter to the originally filed parent application. The Applicants also believe the pending claims to be patentably distinct from the prior art and in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

The Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims. If the Examiner believes certain amendments are necessary to clarify the present claims or if the Examiner wishes to resolve any other issues by way of a telephone conference, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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